

## CARRANZA FIRM FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. FORCES

Latest Mexican Note Says Joint Conference Must First Determine This Question.

### BORDER PATROL IS NEXT

Defacto Head Has Instructed Commission to Devote Attention to Points Mentioned in Previous Notes—Immediate Action Urged.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The latest Mexican note has been delivered to the state department. Carranza still insists that U. S. troops should withdraw. He declares the American and Mexican conference must first determine this question. Next they must arrange the border patrol and fix the responsibility for the border raids.

The text of the American note is as follows:

"In due reply to the courteous note of July 25th, I have the honor to say that Carranza congratulates himself upon the laudable efforts of the American government to reach a solution of the existing difficulties of the two countries. Therefore he has seen fit to immediately appoint a commission of three persons. They are instructed to devote their attention preferably to resolutions of the points mentioned in this department's previous note. Arranged in authorized to arrange a meeting place."

"The points mentioned in this department's note are American withdrawal, border patrol, and fixing the responsibility for the border raids. The note is signed G. Aguilar, secretary of foreign affairs."

After the cabinet meeting Polk said he was unable to say whether the note was satisfactory.

## FIGHTING U-BOATS AIDED DEUTSCHLANDS ESCAPE SAYS OFFICER

CAPTAIN GEORGE KNOWELL BELIEVES GERMAN DIVERS DROVE AWAY ENEMY.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Captain George Knowell of the Washington-Norfolk steamer Southland, believes there were German fighting submarines off the Virginia Capes to protect the Deutschland. He declares the Deutschland escaped because the submarines drove the British cruisers beyond the three mile limit.

Patent Is Received.  
Mrs. Mary Scott of Condon was received at the state hospital yesterday, for treatment.

## RUSSIANS HOLD TOWN AFTER MANY ATTACKS

RUDA MIRINSKAIA IN HANDS OF MUSCOVITES ACCORDING TO BERLIN REPORTS.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 4.—It is announced the Russians driving against Kovel have crossed the Stochod river near Lubeho and captured important heights. The Teutons retreated behind the river Stachok. There was bloody bayonet fighting in the streets of the village of Rudka Mirinskaja. The town changed hands several times. The Russians finally ejected all enemies.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The German war office admitted this afternoon that the Russians had penetrated Ruda Mirinskaja. It declared the Polish legions counter attacks had ejected the Slavs. The Russians renewed assaults but were unable to dislodge the Teutons. Berlin also claimed a repulse of all Russian attacks near Lubeho.

## PRICE OF GASOLINE TAKES SHARP DROP

FINDLAY, Ohio, Aug. 4.—A sharp decline in gasoline prices is anticipated following another slash in the price of Central Western oils. The price has been cut ten cents a barrel. A twenty five cent drop is expected within two weeks.

## Most Serious Food Situation In Decades Faces America If Railroad Strike Materializes

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The United Press has gathered statistics showing that America will face the most serious food situation in decades if the railroad strike materializes. Coast cities and towns located on navigable streams would be least affected. Babies and children would bear the brunt. There would obviously be great difficulty in supplying perishable foodstuffs to the thickly populated centers. The shortage of milk would first be felt. Philadelphia is prepared to mobilize thirty thousand automobiles to carry food. New York might exist for weeks on account of being the clearing point for many cities. Pittsburgh has supplies of fresh goods to last forty eight hours and preserved foodstuffs to last ten days. Boston has enough butter and eggs to last all winter. The meat supply is low. St. Louis and interurban trolleys would prevent suffering there. San Francisco has sufficient provisions to last a month. Los Angeles boasts unlimited supplies of meat, flour and non-perishable products. Kansas City would be unable to withstand the blockade for twenty four hours. Denver, St. Paul and Cleveland believe the strike would not affect them for a month. Most cities would face a coal and gasoline shortage.

## TREATY FOR AMERICAN PURCHASE OF DANISH WEST INDIES SIGNED

Early Ratification is Expected—Senate Sentiment Favors Action—Opposition Appears Negligible.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The state department has announced that Secretary Lansing and Minister Bruun of New York have signed the treaty for the American purchase of the Danish West Indies for twenty-five million dollars. Early ratification is expected. The purchase was apparently negligible.

## FLEURY IS REGAINED BY GERMANS IN DRIVE

Violent Fighting Centers About Town Which is Held by Both Sides During Night, the Teutons Finally Forcing Out French Troops.

### THIAUMONT GROUND TAKEN

Kaiser's Men Succeeded in Capturing Trenches Northwest of Fortresses and in Chateau Sector—British Attacks at Oviliers Repulsed.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—It is announced the Germans have recaptured Fleury and trenches west and northwest, after violent fighting this morning. The French captured Fleury during the night. German counters south of Thiaumont regained all lost ground. Northwest of Thiaumont in the Chateau sector and Vosges mountain forests French attacks were defeated. British attacks were repulsed north of Oviliers and at several other points.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—The Germans have lost heavily northwest of Verdun. It is announced that French fire repeatedly shattered massed counters. The battle lasted all night. The Germans penetrated the southern part of Fleury. The French entered Thiaumont woods. Heavy German fire forced a retirement. The French took eighty German prisoners back with them.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The British left wing has gained minor points west of Verdun. Haig reported skirmishes north of Hazentin-le-Petit, northwest of Bellevue wood. They took a few prisoners. British raiders destroyed a German mine shaft east of the British. The French took eighty German prisoners back with them.

### MEXICO GIVES OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Reply to Last American Note Proposing Border Conference Also Delivered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Minister Arredondo has handed Secretary Polk the official announcement of the appointment of the Mexican commission for the border conference and the reply to the American government's last note, proposing the commission with broad powers of discussion.

## MASKED BANDITS TAKE \$45,000 IN DETROIT HOLDUP

DETROIT, Aug. 4.—Masked bandits today attacked the Burroughs Adding Machine Company's bank messenger at the corner of Cass and Amsterdam avenues, outside the office. They seized the company's payroll funds. The robbers shot Guard Cooper. The extent of his injuries is unknown. Officials said about \$45,000 was missing. It is the most sensational daylight holdup in Detroit's history.

The robbers rode in a Ford automobile. They attacked the messengers as they alighted from the pay car. They fired automatic shotguns. There was a fusillade of shots. Pedestrians fled in a panic. The gold was in five boxes. The bandits quickly transferred them to their own machine and left a sixth money box. They fled down Cass avenue at a terrific speed. The police are halting and searching all Fords this afternoon.

## More Local Wheat Sold; Prices Up

Between 125,000 and 150,000 bushels of club wheat is reported to have been sold here yesterday to local grain dealers. Some of this grain is said to have been contracted at a price as high as 97 cents. The market today is firm and it would not be surprising if considerable more of the 1916 crop would be sold before the day is over. It is believed that selling will be brisk if the price keeps up. More than 400,000 bushels of wheat yet remains in the warehouses which were carried over from the crop last year.

Prices on Rise.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Wheat prices here today were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Close.
Sept. ....	\$1.32	\$1.34 1/4	\$1.34 1/4
Dec. ....	\$1.30	\$1.33 1/4	\$1.33 1/4

Portland Market.  
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Prices offered here today were \$1.06 for club and \$1.10 1-2 for bluestem.

Funeral Is Sunday.  
The funeral of Mrs. Maggie La Brache Frank, who died here yesterday, will be held at the Athena Catholic church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER BLOCK EFFORTS FOR REMOVAL OF MISS NASON AS LIBRARIAN

Latest Photos of New Governors of Canada



DUKE AND DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE

Mrs. George Goodman and children of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The duke is the new Governor general of Canada.

### COLORED MAN FINED FOR UNLICENSED DOG

J. A. Johnson Has Many Ali-bis But Judge Fitzgerald Turns Deaf Ear.

J. A. Johnson, a colored man who resides near the Round-Up grounds, was fined \$5 by Judge Thomas Fitzgerald in the police court this morning for keeping two dogs in the city without license. He was also ordered to purchase said license immediately. The man paid his fine.

Mr. Johnson had many alibis. He stated to the court that the older of the canines had been sold to another gentleman, but like the out, came back. The other doggie was not quite six months old yet and he did not think he would have to obtain a license for the pup until he had reached the six months age. It is reported the dogs have been chasing cattle in the Round-Up grounds and have taken after the delivery boys many times.

## BIG TORNADO HITS SECTIONS OF NORTHWEST

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—A tornado hit northern Minnesota and Southern Canada. Buildings were wrecked. Houses were blown across the railroad tracks. Crop damage is conservatively estimated at over a million. The district around Crookston, Minn., is desolated. It is believed there were no deaths.

Wheat experts figured the wheat crop damage may be a total of fifteen millions. Tornadoes and hailstorms have ruined acres of growing wheat in the great northwest on both sides of the American and Canadian line. When telegraphic communication was restored it was learned that two separate storms had greatly damaged one hundred square miles in Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota and Minnesota. The Canadian damage is estimated at five millions. Rustled and blighted the wheat is battered down and broken off and practically useless. Fifty horses were killed near Anet. Four buildings were wrecked at Melville. A small cyclone cut a path through Grand Forks.

## BOMB PLOTTERS RING LARGER THAN EXPECTED

Six New Suspects Discovered and Mass of Evidence Grows Daily

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Deputy District Attorney Brennan announced that six new bomb suspects had been discovered. He said: "The ring is larger than we expected. There were many fingers in the pie. Our mass of circumstantial evidence is growing daily, involving more people." Police predicted that several suspected aliens would be deported.

### BLAIR CREEK DEATHS 28

PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS WILL REACH \$150,000.

MIDDLEBORO, Aug. 4.—Blair Creek district reports fixed the deaths in yesterday's flood at 28. All were within a six mile zone. Investigation further down the creek showed no casualties but a hundred and fifty thousand dollar property damage. Two flour mills, two storehouses and five dwellings were destroyed. Much livestock was lost.

### Austrian Airman Fights 14 Italian Planes Successfully

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—(via Sayville.)—A German submarine sank eight English motor sailing ships and one English steam trawler off the English coast July 28. Fourteen large Italian battle planes flew over Istria Tuesday. Austrian Lieutenant Banfield fought the fleet single handed. He ascended at Trieste and chased the Italian squadron across the Istrian peninsula. He destroyed one machine and killed the pilot. He captured two observers.

## PREVIOUS MEETING DECLARED ILLEGAL

Chairman Refuses to Recognize Action of July 12; Motion to Reverse Her is Tied by Her Vote

Right to Vote Contested but Roberts' Rules Sustain Her; Fight to be Continued; New Members of Board to be Named.

Roberts' Rules of Order were invoked last evening by the supporters of Miss Nason, county librarian, to prevent her dismissal from office.

Refusing to recognize the meeting of July 12, at which the resignation of Miss Nason had been asked by motion on or before August 1, as a legal one, Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, chairman of the library board, voted with four other members to sustain her attitude and produced Roberts' Rules to substantiate her claim that she had the privilege of voting.

The supporters of the librarian thus won a temporary victory at least, but those members seeking her removal will continue the fight either in the board or in the courts. The fact that three new members are to be appointed in the near future may result in the deferring of further action until the new appointments are made.

One Member Absent.  
Ten of the eleven members of the board were present last evening, including the two members of the county court, who have seldom attended.

Mrs. A. J. Owen, secretary, was the absent one, she being at Seaside for her vacation. Thus the forces were divided, five and five, but the opposition to Miss Nason suddenly found itself on the defensive when the chairman refused to recognize the meeting at which the librarian had practically been dismissed.

Mrs. Sturgis at the opening of the meeting announced that she would not have the minutes of the meeting of July 12 read as she did not recognize it as legal. Asked by Mrs. James A. Fee to state her grounds she expressed them as follows: "There was no legal call, according to the by-laws, for any meeting held on that date and the purpose specified in the purported call was not the real purpose of the meeting and the business attempted was not specified in the call."

Adjourned or Called?  
Mrs. Fee contended that the meeting of July 12 was an adjourned meeting rather than a called meeting and, therefore, any business that is proper at a regular meeting was proper there. Mrs. Sturgis refused to grant this point, declaring that the preceding meeting showed that the meeting had "adjourned at the call of the president." She asserted that she had not called the meeting of July 12 and knew nothing of it until 10 minutes before the hour of meeting.

Mrs. Fee made a motion that the meeting of July 12 be recognized by the board as having been an adjourned meeting and the motion was seconded by D. D. Phelps. Put to a vote, Mrs. Fee, Mrs. G. M. Rice, Mrs. C. F. Colworth, Mr. Phelps and Mr. Strain voted affirmatively, while Mrs. Sturgis, Mrs. F. E. Judd, Mrs. Norborne Berkeley, Judge C. H. Marsh and Commissioner Cockburn voted in the negative.

Contest Chairman's Vote.  
Mrs. Fee and Mr. Phelps challenged the right of the chairman to vote except in a case of a tie but Mrs.

Sturgis, stating that the by-laws recognize Roberts' Rules of Order as governing the proceedings, read from the rules giving the chairman the privilege of voting to make a tie.

Thus balked, the anti-Nason faction was for a time at a loss until Mr. Strain suggested an appeal from the decision of the chair. Mrs. Fee made the appeal and the vote was again five to five. The right of Mrs. Sturgis to vote to sustain her own decision was contested but again she read from Roberts' Rules to sustain her.

The official record kept by the board thus shows that no business was transacted on July 12 and Miss Nason therefore is still acting as librarian. However, Mrs. Fee had incorporated in the minutes last evening her contention that the meeting of July 12 was legal, citing as proof that Mrs. Sturgis had herself called for a rising vote at that time upon the motion relating to the librarian-ship and had taken part in other business, thus recognizing the meeting.

Mrs. Sturgis read into the minutes her answer to the effect that she had refused to put the motion referred to, but, having failed to hear one member vote, had, as an individual member and not as chairman, asked for a rising vote.

Action Carefully Planned.  
The opposition to Miss Nason was apparently taken by surprise last evening and it was just as apparent that her supporters had a carefully organized plan of action which was carried out fully. It is reported that they had met during the afternoon and, with the aid of legal advice, had determined their course. Attorney Roy Raley was present last evening but was not called upon. Mayor Best and City Attorney Fee were also present but neither took any part in the proceedings.

The anti-Nason faction had seemingly the upper hand when the meeting opened for the action for the dismissal of the librarian had already been taken and her supporters were not strong enough to rescind it. However, the refusal of the chairman to recognize the meeting at which this action had been taken suddenly reversed the situation.

However, the opposition to the present administration stated after the meeting that they considered matters unchanged by the meeting of last evening and do not recognize Miss Nason as librarian. They intimated that they will carry the matter into the courts unless they secure a majority in the immediate future.

Mrs. Owen Could Decide.  
Mrs. Owen has it in her power to decide the controversy, but neither faction is quite sure of her attitude. It is quite likely that she will refuse to accept the responsibility as she has but another month to serve. Her term and those of Mrs. Berkeley and Mr. Strain will expire at the end of this month and their successors are to be appointed by Mayor Best, subject to confirmation by the council. The mayor is understood to be opposed to Miss Nason but the attitude of the council is uncertain.

## Detroit Awarded Pythian Supreme Lodge For 1918

MRS. LILLY SAMUELS OF OAKLAND IS ELECTED PYTHIAN SISTERS SUPREME CHIEF.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.—Detroit gets the 1918 Pythian supreme lodge.  
Pythian Sisters elected Mrs. Lilly Samuels of Oakland, supreme chief. Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson of Woodford, Maine, supreme senior, and Mrs. Minnie Bunting of Sepulpa, Oklahoma, supreme junior.

## NEWS SUMMARY

Fleury in German hands. Tornado hits Minnesota. Treaty for Danish West Indies is signed.

Local.  
Supporters of Miss Nason win temporary victory in librarianship fight. More wheat sold and prices going up. Local militiaman brands as untrue stories of hardships on border.